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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF YEAR A - Eucharistic Congress



Invited to Love's Banquet

'The Kingdom is like a wedding feast!' A King's Son's Wedding Feast! The King of Kings and Lord of Lords' Wedding Feast! A Wedding Feast like no other, where we are both the honoured guests - and we are the Bride being betrothed, being wedded to God, to the Lamb of Sacrifice.

And the rich food, fine wines of the Wedding Feast? The Body and Blood of the Lord, His self-giving and transforming Love. Indeed this is Love's Feast - and our lives are interwoven with the strands of the Divine Spirit, with the Love of Jesus; Love calls us there, Love nourishes us there, Love weds us there, Love fulfils us there - and Love sends us from the gathering into the world to be Love healing and gathering and challenging and creating a new world of justice, equality and freedom. Let us allow Love's banquet to change our lives and our world! For God is this Love!

SUNDAY: PARISH MASS with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 10.00am

MONDAY: Feast of St Wilfred, Monk & Bishop (634-709)

No Liturgy

TUESDAY: Feast of St Edward the Confessor, King of England (died 1066) No Liturgy

WEDNESDAY: Funeral Mass for Maureen Potter RIP at St Monica's Retirement Home at 1.00pm No Liturgy at St Nicks

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THURSDAY: Feast of St Teresa of Avila, Reforming Carmelite Nun (1515-1582)

Adoration at 11.30am

Mass at 12.00 noon

**FRIDAY: Funeral Mass & Cremation of Abraham Ogunnusi at 9.00am
at South Bristol Crematorium Chapel - all invited**

Adoration at 11.30am

Mass at 12.00 noon

SATURDAY: Feast of St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr, disciple of St Peter

Adoration at 11.30am

Mass at 12.00 noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation none

TODAY [1] On the **Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Year A** we celebrate Jesus who invites everyone to share in the Banquet of His Love. Sunday by Sunday (even day by day) we are invited to renew our love for the 'bridegroom who lays His life down for His Bride' - us the Church, us all of humanity. No week should go by without us answering the call, relishing the invitation to be nourished by His love at the Banquet that is the Eucharist.

[2] This weekend the **Catholic Church in England and Wales is holding the National Eucharistic Congress**. While special events are happening in Southwark and Westminster Cathedrals, every parish is asked to participate in deepening our love for the Christ we meet in the Mass and in the abiding Presence of the Blessed Sacrament in our churches. So we will have a period of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament as the conclusion of Mass today. I hope all who are able will stay on for about 15-20 minutes of led prayer in honour of the love for Jesus who laid down His life for us!

NEXT SUNDAY [1] With the **Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Year A** Jesus reminds us that we do have an obligation to our nation and to secure and participate in good governance, especially through our democratic processes. But our deepest loyalty to God before any ruler, nation or tribe. And we must not allow the 'Caesars' of our world today to take more than is their right - we need to remind them they are servants of their people, the poor and must work for 'the common good' - the peace of the world built upon true justice.

[2] It is **World Mission Sunday** as we recognise the global mission of the Church and support this mission by our prayer and our action. **There will be a Retiring Collection for 'Missio' - a collection that is taken in every parish in the world.**

[3] There is a meeting immediately after Mass for who are helping with **Children Liturgy of the Word** and those who are interested in joining the team so we can provide this foundation stone of our children's catechesis and participation in the Mass in a consistent manner. During our recent Parish Synod it was repeatedly voiced that we need to restore **Children Liturgy of the Word** on a regular basis. We cannot do this unless more people come forward to help. **PLEASE THINK AND PRAY SERIOUSLY ABOUT WHETHER YOU CAN HELP!**

[4] **Mass with our LGBTQ+ community and friends at 3.00pm - all welcome.**

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION We pray for our **Ministry of Liturgical Music**, our choir and instrumentalists. St Augustine of Hippo said

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'Singing is praying twice over' and also 'Sing a New Song to the Lord - our New Lives is the song we are to sing'. Singing in different languages is an essential part of our worship of God in our diverse parish and so we are seeking to rebuild our choir. We invite as many as possible to come and join the choir. We also need instrumentalists to accompany the singing: guitars, drums, and especially key-board. Please contact Eneyi Pemu or Richard.

DIOCESAN PRAYER We pray for the parish in Communion for Mission that is Holy Family, Patchway, served by Fr Saji Matthew, Deacon Donald Cramer-Barnicott, and all their community.

COLLECTIONS **THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE MISSION OF ST NICKS**

6/09/26 GA: £5.00 + Loose £154.70 + Card Reader £78.64 + S.O. £206.35 = £444.69

13/09/26 GA: £10.00 + Loose £182.65 + Card Reader £34.25 + S.O. £206.35 = £433.25

20/09/26 GA: £10.00 + Loose £133.76 + Card Reader £245.77 + S.O. £206.35 = £595.88

27/09/26 GA: £10.00 + Loose £190.10 + Card Reader £9.75 + S.O. £206.35 = £416.20

4/10/26 GA: £10.00 + Loose £154.70 + Card Reader £58.31 + S.O. £206.35 = £429.36

CAFOD RETIRING COLLECTION £132.00 **FOODBANK** £82.87 **THANK YOU!**

DATES FOR THE DIARY

14th Oct Ashley Churches Together Serving (ACTS) meet at 12.30pm

17th Oct Community Stewards meet 1.15pm (Richard's Office - Assisi Centre)

1st Nov **ALL SAINTS DAY - SUNDAY MASS AT 10.00AM**

2nd Nov **Commemoration of All the Departed (All Souls)** Mass at 7.00pm

22nd Nov **FEAST OF CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE** Mass at 10am

28th Nov Community Stewards meet 1.15pm (Richard's Office - Assisi Centre)

29th Nov **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B**

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC? We have made a good start with this year's Journey of Faith with 7 people seeking baptism or Reception into Full Communion. These meetings are suitable to anyone seeking to explore their faith more deeply. **We will be meeting each Thursday at 5.00pm - next meetings Thursday 10th September and 8th October**

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME HAS BEGUN We have made a good start but there are other young people who have voiced an interest in considering whether to take this step of commitment. **It is important to attend the meetings each Friday at 5.30-6.30pm.** When we have more precise numbers I can contact the Bishop to arrange a date for the Confirmation. I will also call a meeting for parents to explore the nature of the Sacrament of Confirmation with them so they can support their young person(s) on their Journey of Faith towards this important step in our young people's lives while respecting that it needs to be the young person's decision - not their parents' decision.

ABRAHAM OGUNUSSI'S FUNERAL - PLEASE COME After some interesting discussions with Bristol City Council they have agreed that we can celebrate a **Requiem Mass at South Bristol Crematorium for our brother Abraham. It will be at 9.00am to 10.00am on Friday 16th October** and I do hope that everyone

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CHANGE IN PARISH PARKING - PLEASE NOTE If you are attending a liturgy or parish activity Mon – Fri, you can park for free by signing in using the Parish Visitor Free Parking QR code to be found in the sacristy. This change is to stop abuses of the free parking. ***Please sign in within 10 minutes of parking.***

~~CATECHISTS AND HELPERS WITH CHILDREN'S LITURGY NEEDED NOW:~~
We have an urgent need for people (young adults and parents?) to offer to help with our Catechetical Programmes - preparing our children for First Eucharist and First Reconciliation, our young people for Confirmation and parents for the baptism of their children. There is also **a grave need for help on a rota basis with our Children's Liturgy of the Word** (during Sunday Mass) that we would like to restart, but do not have enough people to do so. These ministries are a vital part of forming our children and young people to grow as People of Faith and Love - essential to the future of the Church and our parish. ***If you feel you can help with these programmes please contact Mary Hopper as soon as possible.***

MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS - A DAY EXPLORING POPE LEO'S ENCYCLICAL I really want to encourage people to take part in this day on safeguarding the human person in the light of poverty and Artificial Intelligence - especially parishioners involved with AI professionally. **Saturday 24th October 9.30am-4.00pm at St Brendans College** magnificahumanitas.eventbrite.co.uk

PARISH SAFEGUARDING TEAM Paul has stepped down from his role as Parish Safeguarding Rep (PSR) - thank you Paul for the contribution you have made to this important ministry. We are pleased to welcome Verina Muteve who joins the team as PSR with special responsibility for DBS checks. Thank you for joining Mary Hopper (PSR) and Richard on the team.

GLOBAL WARMING AND OUR MISSION AS CHURCH Heatwaves, floods, and wildfires. We have been enduring all of them with increasing frequency. Our beautiful planet, entrusted to us by our creator God, is groaning but are we listening? If we do not deal with this we will have seriously sinned against future generations - our own children as well as all the creatures of our world. It is our mission to be 'Good news to All Creation'. We all need to 'wake up'!

'ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE' It is our privilege to host here at St Nicks the Diocesan Ministry among the LGBTQ+ community. It would be a great sign of welcome, valuing 'Gay' Catholics, if more parishioners would come sometimes to our 3rd Sunday a month Mass with our LGBTQ+ friends. Do try to come occasionally and share with us

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